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Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of January 26, 2005. The extended period for response expires on July 26, 2005. Please charge the \$1,020.00 extension fee and any other fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

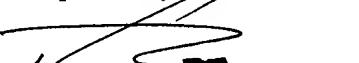
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of January 26, 2005. As an
initial matter, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.